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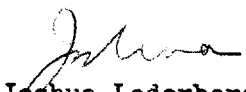
Dear Sarge:

I was sorry that my visit to Washington coincided with what may have been your busiest day. I did not have anything very urgent to discuss with you. The main thing I would have had in mind was to get a more factual impression of the approach you are taking to investigate the premises upon which your action programs are founded.

You may come to hear some rumors about the possibility of my taking a government position, if only for a sabbatical year that I would be entitled to starting next September. There is a foundation for but no substance to these rumors. I have talked to a few people on a very tentative basis, and my present intention is to stay where I am. I may, however, give some further thought to the idea of spending at most a month or two at the Brookings Institution, and if I do this I would certainly like to talk to you about spending part of my time on matters of mutual interest between us. However, even this is so problematical that there would not be much point to any further discussion of it at the present time.

I don't know where you'll find the time, but if you care to have a glance at the testimony I gave before Harris's committee, I am enclosing a copy. I am told that it may be regarded as rather outspoken on a number of touchy issues, but I guess the opportunity to do this is why we enjoy living in a free country.

Sincerely yours,


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